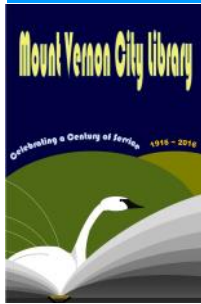


Mount Vernon City Library



Celebrating a Century of Service,

by Summer Daour



One hundred years of service supporting literacy, community development, and intellectual freedom is something to celebrate and this summer the Library is organizing a social of centennial proportions to do just that – with you! On Saturday, July 30, from 1-4 p.m., the Library will host a Centennial Social in the pocket park across Cleveland Street from the Library. We are thrilled to be partnering with New Old Time Chautauqua (NOTC) in hosting this event. NOTC is America's only remaining traveling or circuit Chautauqua. As a part of NOTC's tour of Washington State Parks and small towns,

NOTC will visit Larrabee State Park on July 29 and Mount Vernon on July 30.

The Chautauqua movement began in 1874, in upstate New York, as a community-based movement to bring a mix of education and entertainment to towns throughout the nation. Up until the Great Depression, many Chautauquas could be found touring the country. When a Chautauqua came to town, all normal activity stopped as citizens dedicate a week of their lives to learn, be entertained and connect with their community. On July 30, the partnership of NOTC and the Library will be a mini-revival of the early pioneering and community spirit that one hundred years of library service is so representative of.

Come celebrate with us in July and keep an eye out for other upcoming centennial events. Here's to 100 years past and to 100 years and ore to come!

2016 Summer Reading Program,

by Beth Bermani

Summer Reading is underway, and we're almost to the halfway mark. Once kids reach 400 minutes, they can come in and pick a halfway prize beginning July 1. Plenty of time remains for kids to meet their summer reading goals. Kids interested in the bike drawing can read up to August 26, and prize books for reaching 800 minutes will be available until school resumes. Reading, being read to, or listening to audio books all count toward summer reading time. Kids who read at least 20-30 minutes a day will easily reach 800 minutes of reading this summer and more! Also, we still have some fantastic, free programs coming up. On July 1, we offer a Zumba for Kids program at 3pm, here at the library for ages five and up—sponsored by Riverside Health Club. Back by popular demand, we feature Ian Dobson and his steel drum show. This year his show is "Clap Hands, Stomp Feet, Find Brazil's Olympic Beat" on July 13 at 3pm, here at the library—sponsored by Friends of the Mount Vernon Library. For our finale program, enjoy the family friendly action comedy of Alex Zerbe the professional Zaniac at Hillcrest Park Lodge at 3pm on July 22—sponsored by Friends of Skagit Libraries and Friends of Mount Vernon Libraries. On Your Mark, Get Set... READ--exercise your mind and body this summer!

**ON YOUR MARK,
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READ!**



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Who supports the library?

- You do, through City taxes
- The Friends of the Mount Vernon Library
- The Mount Vernon Library Foundation
- Individuals and organizations who believe in libraries, literacy and the quality of life in Mount Vernon.

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Friends of the Mount Vernon Library, by David Johnson, Friends Vice-President



"One benefit of Summer was that each day we had more light to read by." — Jeannette Walls, *The Glass Castle*.

Summertime and the living is BUSY at your library these next few months! Your Friends of the Library are sponsoring a summer reading program, some events, and are helping with an ice cream social while we plan for the coming fall and our book sale in September. Come join the fun!

Not unlike NPR or PBS, we in the Friends count on the support of members of the community to help out the library with expenses not covered by the City's budget. We're currently selling cloth book bags for \$10. The bags not only celebrate our library's centennial, but also support the programs and services which the Friends undertake. However, it's memberships and our semi-annual book sales which provide us the most in the way of financial resources. Memberships start at just \$10 for Page Turner status, but think about moving up to Short Story (\$20) or Novel (\$50) to help the Friends help library patrons. Sign up sheets are available by the Book Nook. Don't forget to bring us your gently used books to keep the Book Nook stocked and to get us ready for our September 23-24 book sale! See YOU at the library this summer!

Mount Vernon Library Foundation, by Marija Anderson, Foundation President

The Mount Vernon Library Foundation (MVLFF) is helping Mount Vernon City Library Celebrate a Century of Service. One hundred years, 1916 to 2016!!!!



On behalf of MVLFF I would like to invite all of you to our July 30th Centennial Social from 1-4 p.m. at the park across from the Library, and again on Thursday, August 18th for the Riverwalk Summer Concert (Polecat) from 6-8 p.m. As our population in the Mount Vernon area is growing the Mount Vernon Library Foundation is constantly working to build the necessary support for a new library for the City of Mount Vernon.

The MVLFF Board of Directors would like to have a design that is flexible and adaptable, able to respond to future changes, needs/demands, functions and technology. I would like to invite each and every one of you to look to the future of this great community and to help us build a library for the future that all of us will be proud of.

What does the MVLFF need from you? At the present time we have five openings on the MVLFF Board of Directors. Our meetings are the second Monday of the month from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at the Himalaya Property Management Building @ 1003 Cleveland Avenue, Mount Vernon. Our goal is to always have a full board so that we can all serve your needs to the best of our abilities. If you are able to help the MVLFF financially, we welcome any funds small or large. We are also trying to build up our membership. If you like our direction, please join us in MVLFF as we plan for the future. Your annual membership fee is \$35.00.

The MVLFF is working diligently on a special Centennial Library Celebration insert in the *Skagit Valley Herald* which will be published on July 12, 2016. Both the August 18 Riverwalk Concert and the insert in the *Herald* have been sponsored in part by the Mount Vernon Library Foundation.

If you would like to reach us with your input regarding the new library, we may be contacted at Mount Vernon Library Foundation, P O Box 202, Mount Vernon, WA 98273.

Cool things that happened @ your Library last quarter...

Poetry in Nature poetry placards were up on the Trumpeter Trail in May



Paul Magid talks up New Old Time Chautauqua's future visit at June 20 program

At both the May and June library booth days at Farmers Market, it RAINED



2016 July-September Library Events Calendar

(all programs are free and at Mount Vernon City Library unless otherwise noted*; no sign up is required)

Jul 1	Summer Reading Half Way Prize Distribution begins	
Jul 1	Zumba for Kids (sponsored by Riverside Health Club), 3 pm, ages 5 and up	
Jul 1-Sep 30	Play & Learn, 10-11:30 am, Fridays and Saturdays, 2-6 years and caregiver.	
Jul 5-Sep 1	Drop-in Student Computer Lab, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 10 am-7:30 pm.	
Jul 5-26; Sep 13-27	Toddler Storytime, 10:30 am, Tuesdays, 2-3 years.	
Jul 5-Sep 27	Telling Our Stories, Tuesdays between 1 pm and 7pm, sit down with a librarian to have your story added to our collection.	
Jul 6-27; Sep 14-28	Preschool Storytime, 10:30 am, Wednesdays, 3-5 years.	
Jul 6-Sep 28	LEGO Building for All Ages, 3-7:30 pm, Wednesdays; 2-4:30 pm, Saturdays.	
Jul 7-28; Sep 15-29	Teddy Bear Time, 10:30 am, Thursdays, birth-24 months.	
Jul 13	Ian Dobson: Olympic Beat (steel drum show), 3 pm, all ages.	Ian Dobson
Jul 14, Aug 11, Sep 8	Book Discussion Group, 12:30-1:30 pm, adults.	
Jul 20	Block Printing, teens & tweens art program, 3 pm, ages 10-18.	Alex Zerbe
Jul 22	Alex Zerbe, Zaniac (Family friendly action comedy), 3 pm, *Hillcrest Lodge	
Jul 30	Celebrating a Century of Service Centennial Social, 1-4 pm, *park across street from library	
Jul 30	Celebrating a Century of Service/New Old Time Chautauqua workshops, in library and on library grounds, all afternoon, all ages.	
Aug 8	Dig into Fall: Fall & Winter Gardening (with Master Gardener) 6:30 pm, adults.	
Aug 11	Community Connections Day at the County Fair (library booth) 10 am-4 pm, *County Fair	
Aug 17, Sep 21	Friends of the Mount Vernon Library meetings, 6 pm, new members welcome!	
Aug 25	National Parks Centennial event, 3 pm, library grounds.	
Sep 6-29	Drop-in Student Computer Lab, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 3:30-7:30 pm.	
Sep 15-29	Travels with Skoob, 4 pm, Thursdays, ages 6-8.	
Sep 23-24	Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale, 3-6 pm Friday, 10 am-4 pm Saturday, Fire Station #1.	
Sep 24	Introduction to Researching your Family Genealogy (Skagit Valley Genealogical Society), 1-3 pm, adults.	



Coming to Mount Vernon and Larrabee State Park on July 29-30!



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“The Chain of Command”

The library director reports to the Mayor,
Jill Boudreau.

The library director is advised by the Board of Trustees. Trustees are appointed by the Mayor and are confirmed by City Council. Trustees serve 5 year terms. Current Trustees are: Katy Armagost, Bill Craig (Chair), Hal Verrell (Secretary), Margaret Redfern and Frank Repplier.

The library director and library staff serve you, the public.

This newsletter is edited by: Brian Soneda, Library Director

Mount Vernon City Library

Vision Statement:

Mount Vernon City Library - The Heart of Our Thriving Community

Mission Statement:

Mount Vernon City Library promotes lifelong learning by providing access to information and materials that are varied in format and viewpoint. We connect our diverse community through innovative programming and excellent service.

Core Values:

Mount Vernon City Library stands on a foundation of core values including, but not limited to:

Excellent customer service

Relevancy

Patience, understanding and caring

Tolerance

Community leadership

Sensitivity

Helpfulness

Welcoming spirit

Contributor to the community's quality of life

2016 Library Hours

Monday 10 AM-8 PM

Tuesday 10 AM-8 PM

Wednesday 10 AM-8 PM

Thursday 10 AM-8 PM

Friday 10 AM-5 PM

Saturday 10 AM-5 PM

Holiday and other closures:

January 1 New Year's Day

January 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 15 Presidents' Day

May 30 Memorial Day

July 4 Independence Day

September 5 Labor Day

November 11 Veterans' Day

November 24-25 Thanksgiving

December 25 Christmas



Mayor Boudreau congratulates Katy Armagost shortly after swearing her in as the newest Library Board trustee.

